Introduced by Assembly Member Furutani

December 1, 2008

An act relating to public education.

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AB 36, as introduced, Furutani. Public education: readiness year program.

Under existing law, the public school system of the state includes, among other schools, secondary and technical schools. Existing law provides for various career technical and workforce preparation programs in the public schools.

Existing law also establishes the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges as the 3 segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law declares that it is the intent of the Legislature that those institutions provide a collegiate experience that gives each student specified skills and that an undergraduate education prepare students to have the flexibility to adapt to, among other things, new workforce needs.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to develop a readiness year program in the public education system that provides basic skills training for individuals entering or reentering an academic institution or the workforce and prepares those individuals to meet California's career technical education and workforce development needs.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

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The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 legislation to develop a readiness year program in the public
- 3 education system that provides basic skills training for individuals
- 4 entering or reentering an educational institution or the workforce
- 5 and prepares those individuals to meet California's career technical
- 6 education and workforce development needs.